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LOK SABHA

The following Bill was introduced in Lok Sabha on the 16th August, 1960:—

*BILL NO. 47 OF 1960

A Bill to amend the Standards of Weights and Measures Act, 1956.

BE it enacted by Parliament in the Eleventh Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be called the Standards of Weights and Measures (Amendment) Act, 1960. Short title and commencement.

5 (2) It shall come into force on such date as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint.

89 of 1956. 2. In section 1 of the Standards of Weights and Measures Act, 1956 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act),— Amendment of section 1.

10 (i) in sub-section (2), the words "except the State of Jammu and Kashmir" shall be omitted; and

(ii) to sub-section (3), the following proviso shall be added, namely:—

15 "Provided that, in relation to the State of Jammu and Kashmir, the said period of ten years shall be computed from the date on which the Standards of Weights and Measures (Amendment) Act, 1960 comes into force.

*The President has, in pursuance of clause (3) of article 117 of the Constitution of India, recommended to Lok Sabha the consideration of the Bill.

Amendment
of section 17.

3. In section 17 of the principal Act, for sub-section (3), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—

“(3) Every rule made under this section shall be laid as soon as may be after it is made, before each House of Parliament while it is in session for a total period of thirty days which 5 may be comprised in one session or in two successive sessions, and if, before the expiry of the session in which it is so laid or the session immediately following, both Houses agree in making any modification in the rule or both Houses agree that the rule should not be made, the rule shall thereafter have effect only 10 in such modified form or be of no effect, as the case may be; so however that any such modification or annulment shall be without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done under that rule.”.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The question of the extension of the Standards of Weights and Measures Act, 1956, to the State of Jammu and Kashmir has been under consideration of the Government for some time past and it is felt that the adoption of the metric system in that State would facilitate trade and commerce between that State and the rest of the country. At the time the Act was enacted, however, it could not be extended to the State of Jammu and Kashmir because entry 50 of the Union List to which the subject-matter of the Act was relatable was not applicable to that State. By the Constitution (Application to Jammu and Kashmir) Second Amendment Order, 1960, that entry has been made applicable to the State of Jammu and Kashmir and it is now proposed to extend the Act to that State. It is also proposed that the period for the complete adoption of the metric system in that State shall be ten years from the date on which the proposed legislation comes into force. The Bill seeks to achieve these objects.

NEW DELHI;
The 5th August, 1960.

LAL BAHADUR.

FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM

Section 15 of the Standards of Weights and Measures Act, 1956 requires the Central Government to supply at least one set of standards of mass and measure to each State Government. The estimated cost of such supply to the State of Jammu and Kashmir will be about Rs. 2,000.

M. N. KAUL,
Secretary.